

Climate Action Community Investment

Philanthropy has an important part to play in the Ecology of Climate Action Investment. This Resource aims to provide relevant Climate Action intelligence, policy and implementation guidance to the philanthropy sector, as a mechanism to inspire co-ordinated action and impact investments within our regions across Aotearoa.

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<p>Climate Action Aotearoa Collective Process Guide:</p> <p>A tika transition is one that upholds tikanga Māori, recognises and addresses Treaty obligations, and takes guidance from international legal standard. A transition of this nature has some commonalities with the energy justice approach (<i>2020, A Careful Revolution, BWB, Chapter 2, Maria Bargh</i>).</p> <p>A tika transition is based on the tikanga elements and concepts of: Whanaungatanga, Kaitiakitanga, Utu & Tapu, Mana</p>	<p>It is crucial to understand how we are connected. Whether through historical or geographical links, forming relationships helps determine our rights and responsibilities to one another.</p> <p>With the power to resource, the Philanthropy sector has a critical role to play in Community and Regional Climate Action Movements.</p>	<p>Kaitiakitanga is the exercise of environmental guardianship. In the tika transition context, kaitiakitanga ensures climate transition strategy and policy considers all resources and peoples, significant to place.</p>	<p>The concept of utu or balance rests on the idea that ‘for everything given or taken a return of some kind [is] required’.</p> <p>We are surrounded by manifestations of imbalance. This is a process of observation, learning from history and our surroundings to position ourselves with our responsibilities.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Hirini Moko Mead’s ‘take-utu-ea’ mechanism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take – issue • Utu – rebalance • Ea – solution 	<p>Co-Governance Co-Leadership Structure founded on shared vision, and underpinned by the Treaty of Waitangi.</p>
<p>Enabling a tika transition for philanthropy:</p>	<p>Commit to formalising partnership with mana whenua.</p> <p>Commit to developing a shared understanding of how to protect and enhance community aspirations and solutions through relationships.</p> <p>Formalise ‘whanaungatanga’ with your Relationship Memorandums.</p>	<p>Create a Shared Vision.</p> <p>To enable the exercising of kaitiakitanga, philanthropy must co-design policy, implementation and monitoring mechanisms with tangata whenua.</p> <p>Formalise ‘kaitiakitanga’ with your Shared Vision.</p>	<p>Co-create with mana whenua and the climate action community, a mechanism for rebalance – identification of risks, monitoring and evaluation.</p> <p>Formalise ‘utu & tapu’ by way of implementing a rebalancing mechanism and/ or policy.</p>	<p>Co-create with mana whenua an enduring structure that will uphold the mana of the community, that will uphold the mana of the Treaty of Waitangi, that will uphold the Shared Vision of the community climate action collective.</p> <p>Formalise ‘mana’, formalise the enduring structure for a tika transition.</p>

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Enabling a Tika Transition in your community:	<p>Understand Action in Your community.</p> <p>Identify community aspirations, challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>Authentic partnership where grantees retain the right to design the solutions for their lives rather than have approaches imposed on them.</p> <p>‘Whanaungatanga’ - series of wānanga with your community. Accessibility and diverse communication pathways are critical to ensure ‘all of community’ approach.</p>	<p>Learn and Keep Learning. Understand Action in Your community.</p> <p>Support mana whenua and the climate action community, via a series of wānanga to develop a community strong tika transition, based on the principles of kaitiakitanga – guardians of our environment, people and all living things.</p> <p>Identify local kaitiaki and initiatives. Challenging the idea of quantifying actions.</p> <p>Formalise ‘kaitiakitanga’ with your Shared Vision.</p>	<p>Understand Action in Your community.</p> <p>Understanding ‘balance’: Worldviews: Mātauranga Māori and Western knowledge systems</p> <p>Understand and enable Resource as an act of justice rather than an act of charity.</p> <p>Formalise ‘utu & tapu’ by way of implementing a re-balancing mechanism and/or policy.</p>	<p>Co-create with mana whenua an enduring structure that will uphold the mana of the community, that will uphold the mana of the Treaty of Waitangi, that will uphold the Shared Vision of the community climate action collective.</p> <p>Learn and Keep Learning. Understand Action in Your community.</p> <p>Mana enhancing for communities/grantees</p> <p>Formalise ‘mana’, formalise the enduring structure for a tika transition.</p>
Investment Implications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable and operationalise a Tika Transition within a region and within communities, investment is required to resource a Tika Transition team, from Governance through to kaimahi. • Investing in an Aotearoa model of transition, a Tika transition, to deliver on the Funders Commitment on Climate Action. 			
Summary of Grantmaking Implications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term commitment to recipients • Grantmaking strategies are designed collaboratively, with mana whenua and community climate leaders • Monitoring and evaluation processes are designed collaboratively, ensuring process is mana-enhancing and ensuring agency for groups to define their measures of success 			
Summary of Governance Implications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership views its role as one that helps to facilitate the effective stewardship of all philanthropic resources into community control • Governance is Te Tiriti-based 			
Summary of Operations Implications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational processes are primarily oriented around how to best support grantees and communities in achieving their vision of social change 			